A Little Clarification...

In the September issue of Marine Mangement News, the article NOAA Fisheries Proposes Changes to Federal Status of Salmon Species describes pending changes to salmon hatchery policies, but may not have made clear that the recent Oregon federal court decision and the new hatchery policy include a limited number of hatchery populations (see table, page 23). According to Dennis McEwan, Supervisor of the Native Anadromous Fish Team with the Department of Fish and Game, the pending hatchery policy changes do not affect the non-listed status of hatchery populations previously excluded from evolutionarily significant units (ESUs), because they differ genetically from the native population, or were founded from an exotic broodstock. This means, for example, that hatchery fish such as Nimbus Hatchery steelhead (steelhead are considered a species of Pacific salmon) will remain un-listed and will not be protected under the Endangered Species Act. The table on page 23 lists California hatchery salmon that are included in the ESUs and under Endangered Species Act protection.

For more information on California's native anadromous fishes, visit the DFG Native Anadromous Fishes Web page at www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb.

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California Hatchery Salmon Included In ESUs and Under Endangered Species Act Protection

| ESU | Artificial Propogation Program |
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| Sacramento River winter-run chinook | Livingston Stone Natl. Fish Hatchery Conservation Program Bodega Marine Lab Captive Broodstock Program |
| Central Valley spring-run chinook S. CA steelhead S. Central CA steelhead | None listed |
| California Coast fall-run chinook | Freshwater Ck./Humboldt Fish Action Council Yager Ck. Hatchery Redwood Ck. Hatchery Hollow Tree Ck. Hatchery Mattole Salmon Group Hatchery Van Arsdale Fish Station Mad River Hatchery |
| Central California Coast coho | Don Clausen Fish Hatchery Captive Broodstock Program Scott Creek/Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project; Kingfisher Flat Hatchery Scott Ck. Captive Broodstock Program Noyo River Fish Station Egg-take Program |
| S. OR/N. CA Central Coast coho ESU | Cole Rivers Hatchery (Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife stock #52) |
| Central California Coast steelhead | Scott Creek/Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project; Kingfisher Flat Hatchery Don Clausen Fish Hatchery |
| Central California Valley steelhead | Coleman NFH Feather River Hatchery |
| Northern California steelhead | Yaeger Ck. Hatchery North Fork Gualala River Hatchery /Gualala River Steelhead Project |

Calendar of Events

2005 Fish and Game Commission www.fgc.ca.gov/2005/2005mtgs.html

February 3-4 May 3-5 San Diego Sacramento

March 17-18 June 23-24 TBA Bishop 2005 Pacific Fishery Management Council www.pcouncil.org/events/future.html

March 6-11 June 12-17 Sacramento, CA Foster City, CA

April 3-8 September 18-23 Tacoma, WA Portland, OR

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